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All articles due by the 15th of the month

From our Rabbi

This year on Rosh Hashanah, I highlighted an upcoming event that I believe we should all look forward to taking part in. Periodically, the Zionist movements around the world elect delegates to the World Zionist Congress. These have been held regularly since 1897 and met once upon a time to further the cause of a Jewish state in our ancient homeland.

Since 1948, the World Zionist Congress has had the responsibility to allocate funds from Israel and other countries for non-governmental cultural, educational and religious functions. Until about thirty years ago, most of these allocations went to Orthodox institutions in Israel. Now, funds are allocated to other groups as well – but mostly based on voting power in the Zionist Congress.

We have many concerns about Israel's well being. These include security, defense, diplomacy and other matters we hear and read about all the time. For the most part, responsibility for Israel's security lies with Israel itself. We can – and often do – help by making our wishes known to our elected representatives in the United States and we can be proud that our support for Israel is a factor in our government's policies. [We are also grateful for the support for Israel that is widespread among American Christians.]

What is easily overlooked is the way religious pluralism is handled in Israel. That is both a domestic Israeli concern and a matter of concern to Jews around the world. We do not vote in Israel, but we have the opportunity to vote in the Zionist election coming up in the early months of 2020. I am proud of the impact Conservative Judaism (known in Israel as Masorti Judaism) has had in the last genera-

tion in the religious, educational and cultural lives of Israelis. The Masorti Movement can accomplish a great deal more if it can be funded in proportion to the numbers of Conservative contributors around the world. All it takes is voting as assiduously as we contribute.

We should all plan to vote for the MERCAZ slate of delegates to the 38th World Zionist Congress. That can help assure that Zionist policies and allocations are consistent with the views of the world's Zionists – including us. I urge you to visit the website of MERCAZ, the Conservative Zionist organization at www.mercazusa.org. I suggest joining Mercaz, as I have, but that is not a prerequisite for voting in the US. (In some other countries, one must be a member of a Zionist organization in order to vote.)

For more on the election process in general, please go to www.azm.org/elections. AZM stands for the American Zionist Movement, an umbrella organization which runs the voting in the US. The AZM website will give you all the information you need to register and vote. I sincerely hope that our votes will help launch the new decade in the right direction for our Jewish values.

Happy New Year,

Rabbi Judah Kogen



From our President

The calendar is about to turn to a new decade. It's the time to look back at the previous year and look ahead to next year and the years beyond.

2019 was a year of major decisions for our congregation. The Joint campus proposal was discussed, reviewed, modified and ultimately approved. We raised the money required to meet our obligation under the agreement. There is a road map to our congregation's future.

The New Year, 2020, will be a year of planning the details of how the Joint Campus will work. The approved campus agreement is a framework for what the campus will be. Now the work begins for filling in the details and then starting the construction to make it come to be.

It's estimated that we are 18 months to 2 years away from full completion of the project. Committees will be formed to deal with each aspect of the combined Joint campus. Some of them will be slow to start, due to the need to get the building

plan and timetable in place. As committees are formed, we will be reaching out to willing participants to represent the congregation.

As we look to our future, it is time for a new beginning. We **are** looking to the future. We are working on our finances to secure a sustainable congregation. In that regard, the pledges challenge is underway and we all need to assess what we can do to secure that future. We need also to look at what we can do to revive our congregation's Sisterhood. We need to make ourselves more attractive to future members.

I'm looking forward to the challenges and we need all your support to move our congregation forward.

To the future!

Paul Wolff, Congregation President

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JOIN US FOR - A Community Menorah Lighting MONDAY, DECEMBER 23rd

Join the Mid-Kansas Jewish Federation at the FIRST community Menorah Candle Lighting. Monday, December 23, 5:45 pm, at A. Price Woodard Park, 401 West Douglas Ave, Wichita, KS 67202.

The City of Wichita will have its first public Hanukkah display with the help of MKJF! The display will be a part of the holiday season for years to come. We hope you can celebrate the display with the



community and enjoy some hot chocolate and donuts. Please let us know if you will be there so we can plan for the treats accordingly. (Donuts donated by Krispy Kreme)

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MAGGIE

PICHINTE! Maggie has been working towards

getting the city of Wichita to purchase a display for 3 years.

**Magali and David
Pichinte and family**

Courtesy Mid-Kansas
Jewish Federation

In Our Family

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Dr & Mrs Bob Schmaltz
Mr. & Mrs. Herb Klaskin
Mr. & Mrs Mark Glickman
Dr & Mrs Jan Hoffman



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dr. Wayne Mason
Royce Wolff
Mark Schneegurt
Idell Goldstein
Dr. Robert Soltz
Herbert Klaskin
Elizabeth Behrman
Lisa Klaskin



Synagogue Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Synagogue Board of Directors will be held on Monday, January 6th, at 7:30 p.m.

Contributions

Yahrzeit Fund

Dixie Harris
Idell Goldstein
Dr Herb Kadison
Beverly Tavares
Mark Webb



Todah Rabah to:

Magali Pichinte for her tireless work to establish a Wichita Community Hanukkah Menorah lighting!

REFU'AH SHLEMAH

Jodie Abels	Nan Joseph Bailey
Lori Atkins	Holly Robbins
Larry Frank	Mary Ann Filbrick
Stuart Frank	Donald Fielding
Rebecca George	Eunice Schonning
Melvin Kahn	Carolyn Farris
Jerry Marcus	Amos Leitner
Marilyn Mason	Phyllis Leitner

May the one who blessed our ancestors, bless them with a complete healing; a Healing of Body and a Healing of Spirit.

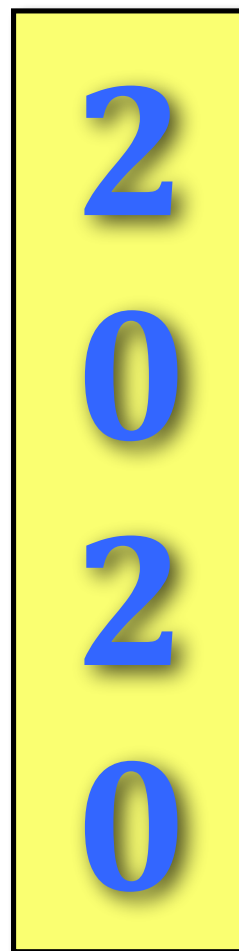
Candle Lighting Time

January 2020

FRIDAY 3.....	VAYIGASH	5:05 PM
FRIDAY 10.....	VAYECHI	5:11 PM
FRIDAY 17.....	SHEMOT	5:18 PM
FRIDAY 24.....	VA'ERA	5:26 PM
FRIDAY 31.....	BO.....	5:34 PM

NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

Our fiscal year ends on December 31, 2019. Please pay your obligations to the Synagogue by then in order to receive your Tax Deduction.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Yahrzeit JANUARY 2020

1 Israel Henry Beren

Remembered by
Robert Beren

2 Marty Rosenberg

Remembered by
Jeff Greenberg

3 Sam Kamen

Remembered by
Sue Harder

12 Edward Reiner

Remembered by
Helen Slutsky

15 Morris Herstein

Remembered by
Scott Herstein

17 Fillis Frank

Remembered by
Judy Frank

18 Terry Levich

Remembered by
Larry Levich

18 Frumah Smed

Remembered by
Stephen Zacker

19 Yehuda Gelman

Remembered by
Lynne Greenberg

19 Sara Levich

Remembered by
Larry Levich

20 Stanley Goldstein

Remembered by
Idell Goldstein

25 Max Sheftel

Remembered by
Sanford Greenberg

25 Dr Allen Zarnow

Remembered by
Dr Hilaary Zarnow

26 Jennie Snitz

Remembered by
Barbara Herman

27 Frank McCarty

Remembered by
Ryan Bendell

29 Annette Werbin

Remembered by
Mark Werbin
Lee Ann Werbin

30 Florence Boge

Remembered by
Allen Boge

31 Elwood "Woody"

Erickson

Remembered by
Deborah Hoffman



CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 2020

Thur, Jan 2	Bible Class	7:00 PM
Fri, Jan 3	OFFICE REOPENS	9:00 AM
Sat, Jan 4	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 AM
	Kiddush sponsored by Paul & Royce Wolff	
Sun, Jan 5	Morning Minyan	9:00 AM
Mon, Jan 6	Board of Directors Meeting	7:30 PM
Tue, Jan 7	Introduction to Judaism	7:00 PM
	FAST OF 10TH OF TEVET	
Thur, Jan 9	Bible Class	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 11	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 AM
Sun, Jan 12	Morning Minyan	9:00 AM
Tue, Jan 14	Introduction to Judaism	7:00 PM
Thur, Jan 16	Bible Class	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 18	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 AM
Sun, Jan 19	Morning Minyan	9:00 AM
Tue, Jan 14	Introduction to Judaism	7:00 PM
Thur, Jan 16	Bible Class	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 18	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 AM
Sun, Jan 19	Morning Minyan	9:00 AM
Mon, Jan 20	Martin Luther King Day	
Tue, Jan 21	Introduction to Judaism	7:00 PM
Thur, Jan 23	Bible Class	7:00 PM
Sat, Jan 25	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 AM
Sun, Jan 26	Morning Minyan	9:00 AM
Tue, Jan 28	Introduction to Judaism	7:00 PM
Thur, Jan 30	Bible Class	7:00 PM